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DEVICE CAPABLE OF RELIABLY  
TRANSMITTING DATA TO AN IP  
NETWORK AND A DATA  
TRANSMISSION CONTROL  
METHOD

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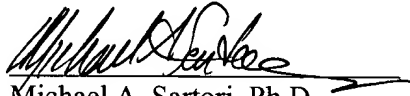
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